

**Ammonoosuc River Local Advisory Committee (LAC) Meeting Approved Minutes**  
Haverhill, Bath, Landaff, Lisbon, Littleton, Bethlehem, Carroll, and Coos County  
Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Members in Attendance: (Haverhill) Michael King, Bill Harris; (Bath) Rick Walling; (Littleton) Charles Ryan, Connie McDade; (Bethlehem) Marilyn Johnson; (Carroll) Leslie Bergum, Linda Dowling

Members Absent: (Landaff) Errol Peters; (Lisbon) Steve Jesseman; (Littleton) Jessica Willis; (Carroll) Joan Karpf; (Coos County) Mike Waddell, John Scarinza

**Review and Approval of Minutes** Chairman Ryan opened the meeting at 4:35 p.m. at the North Country Council in Bethlehem. Michael made the motion to approve the September minutes, seconded by Rick. Passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

Michael reported cash balance of \$936.90, which includes the 2011 public support dues received in full from the towns and Coos County. Members concurred with him to write off the 2010 dues of \$50 still in arrears. Leslie was asked to tally the Ammo River VRAP water testing expenses incurred by volunteers in 2011.

**Correspondence**

1. Announcements and Letters
  - Connie read message from Tara Bamford, Planning Director North Country Council, saying that she has not seen the final report from Dr. Field or the additional report mentioned in it that we requested from the DES. Tara reminded the CRJC we still await those reports.
  - Charlie announced the workshop, "Protecting the Water Supply for Your Business or Community" on October 21 at Lincoln Town Hall from 9-3. It is aimed at water supply managers and operators, town planning and zoning boards and conservation commissions. Charlie will e-mail the program to us.
  - Leslie will be helping Ted Walsh, VRAP Manager deploy data loggers at Streeter Pond Road location and perhaps up & downstream on October 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - Rick said that the Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust received a grant from USDA/Keep it Growing SET (Strength, Economics, and Ties). He is a member of the group, representing the Ammo River LAC. Workshops will be set up to formulate, organize, create, and carry out plans to enhance agriculture, assessing how to help farming.
2. Incoming Permit Applications (none)

**Old Business**

1. Northern Pass (update provided by members)
2. Report on Cleanup Occurrences along the River
  - Members discussed the cleanup along 112. Charlie was asked to send e-mail to NHDES Rivers Coordinator Jacquie Colburn, requesting a list of emergency permit requests received for cleanup work along the Ammo River, after Irene.

## **New Business**

1. NH Fish & Game Electro-shock Fish Inventory
  - Leslie helped NH Fish & Game and US Fish & Wildlife do inventory behind the Stone Church, Twin Mt. on 22<sup>nd</sup>. Leslie was asked to request results of inventory from Dianne Timmins, Cold Water Fisheries Biologist.
  - Rick volunteered over the summer with NH F&G and TU and said brook trout were found in all the surveyed streams that flow into the Ammonoosuc River.
2. Elective Town Ammo Projects (discussion postponed until more members present)
3. Town Issues
  - Bethlehem- Marilyn said the Prospect Street Bridge would be closed for repairs.
  - Carroll- Leslie reported DOT work on upstream side of Dartmouth Brook before Hurricane Irene helped to alleviate some of the problem there, but 3-inches of rain from this storm still brought water in over the road.
  - Lisbon- DOT permanent repairs to 302 postponed (on hold unless a code red)
4. Bullet List Rundown for Comments to NHDES
  - Connie made list of comments sent over past 3 years categorized by type of permit sent, saying we need to tighten up the wording to use bullets in replying to future incoming applications. If timing inadequate for review between receipt of application and meeting date, should request extension. Michael asked her to e-mail this list to all the members.
5. Other
  - Connie told subcommittee-working group members that Tara has prepared a list of write-ups that need to be completed for the management plan (MP). Rather than taking time of the entire group present at the meeting, she'd e-mail the list to the subcommittee. Michael indicated he would be interested in hearing about topics being covered in the plan. Connie said that the priority issues and goals of the MP along with the final draft would be presented to the LAC members to get their input and approval as soon as the draft is put together. Michael said he'd like to see us get the management plan wrapped up. He requested Connie ask Tara for an updated timetable for completion of the management plan.

## **Adjournment**

Michael made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Linda. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Connie McDade*

[Next Meeting Takes Place on Wednesday, November 2](#)